

LARGEST BONA FIDE
CIRCULATION.
BEST ADVERTISING
MEDIUM.

For West Virginia—Cloudy to-night; Wednesday, snow.

Delivered to All Parts
of City by Carriers.
PRICE TEN CENTS
A WEEK.

THE DAILY TELEGRAM.

VOLUME 4. NO. 53

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA --THE FUEL CITY OF THE FUEL STATE--TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 1904.

WHOLE NO 992

ENGAGEMENT OFF PORT ARTHUR

Between Japanese Torpedo Boats and Russian Squadron--Russian Battleships Badly Damaged Japanese Ships Escaping Without Injury--A Large Fleet of Japanese Battleships and Cruisers Appeared Off Port Arthur Later and Big Sea Battle is Imminent.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—Admiral Alexieff makes an official report that about midnight the Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines on the Russian squadron in the outer roads by the fortress of Port Arthur. Battleships Retierjian and Cesarévitch and cruiser Pallada were damaged.

The Japanese boats escaped without damage.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—A special from St. Petersburg says the Russian ships at Port Arthur were badly damaged by the Japanese torpedoes.

Later a large fleet of Japanese battleships and cruisers appeared before Port Arthur.

By Associated Press.

Chefoo, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet attacked Port Arthur at midnight Monday. The battle continued this morning at a range of three miles. Two Russian battleships and one cruiser were disabled by torpedoes.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Feb. 9.—It is announced at the foreign office this afternoon that the Russian cruiser, Pallada, was sunk by the Japanese ships.

It has also been rumored that the cable from Vladivostok has been cut.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The Russian government has made an official statement regarding the negotiations with Japan in which, after recounting the various states of the diplomatic exchanges, says:

"The Russian government was justified in expecting that the Tokio cabinet would appreciate the wish manifested by Russia to come to a peaceful understanding with Japan. Instead of this the Japanese government, not even awaiting this reply, decided to break off all negotiations and suspend diplomatic relations. The Imperial government, while laying on Japan the full responsibility for any of the consequences of such action, will, when it becomes necessary, take the most decisive measures for the protection of its rights and interests in the far East."

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The naval reserves have been called out.

The Japanese attack before a formal declaration of war is denounced by Russians generally, as an outrage.

The result will be to fire Russian patriotism.

A panic on the Bourse seems absolutely inevitable.

By Associated Press.

Chefoo, Feb. 9.—The Japanese consul just returned from Dabny, says he passed the Japanese fleet to-day going in the direction of Port Arthur.

UNITED STATES SHIPS GOING INTO CHINESE WATERS

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Rear Admiral Evans has been ordered to send a cruiser squadron into Chinese waters for the observation of naval operations. The battleships will be held in Philippine waters.

TWELVE KILLED

By Associated Press.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 9.—The report reaches here that twelve persons were killed in a collision on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, near Sand Point.

SENATE PASSES DIPLOMATIC APPROPRIATION BILL

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Senate passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill to-day.

MILLION FOR RELIEF OF BALTIMORE

Washington, Feb. 9.—Representative Emrich, of Chicago, introduced a bill in the House yesterday afternoon appropriating \$1,000,000 for the relief of the people of Baltimore to be used in sheltering the homeless and clearing the streets of debris.

SENATOR HANNA RESTING COMFORTABLY

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Senator Hanna was resting comfortably this morning.

Senator Hanna was much weaker last night than he was yesterday morning. This is expected to continue until the crisis is reached. Although his heart action has been favorable, there is no hiding the fact that it is considered dangerous.

The following bulletin was issued last evening:

"The crisis is now expected Wednesday. Senator Hanna remains on a milk diet."

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Physicians report Senator Hanna's temperature at noon as 102, pulse, 92. General condition good.

DIES AT AGE OF 103

By Associated Press.

Dayton, O., Feb. 9.—Phillip Keifer, a retired manufacturer, in his 103rd year, died this morning at the residence of his daughter Mrs. W. P. Callahan. He came to Dayton from Maryland in 1832. He was an inveterate user of tobacco and all his life drank six cups of coffee daily.

FALL

OF COAL AND SLATE CRUSHED LIFE FROM PINNICKIN-NICK MINER.

ALBERT ILBERTON MEETS WITH INSTANT DEATH WHILE AT WORK MONDAY AFTERNOON

Body Was Fearfully Crushed—Has Brother Living Near Charleston and Body Will Be Sent There For Burial.

Albert Ilberton, a miner, was instantly killed while at his work in the depths of the big Pinnickin coal mine just east of this city Monday afternoon about four o'clock. A fall of coal and slate crushed the life from him.

The man was at his usual work in the mine when the accident happened. A large mass of coal and slate became detached from the roof of the mine loosened by his pick and fell upon him. He was crushed fearfully and death must have been instantaneous.

The remains were removed to the Clifford, Osborne undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Coroner W. P. Camp viewed the remains but after looking into the matter, decided that an inquest would not be necessary.

The deceased man was fifty-three years of age. He is survived by one brother living near Charleston, W. Va., and has two daughters, one living in St. Joseph's, Mo., and the other living in Kansas City. These are the only relatives of the dead man known at present. They were notified by wire of the accident. Tuesday morning the brother living at Coco Postoffice W. Va., near Charleston, wired to the mine officers here to have the body shipped to that place for burial. The instructions will be complied with.

Ilberton was a good industrious hard working miner and he was well liked by his employers as well as the many miners working at Pinnickin.

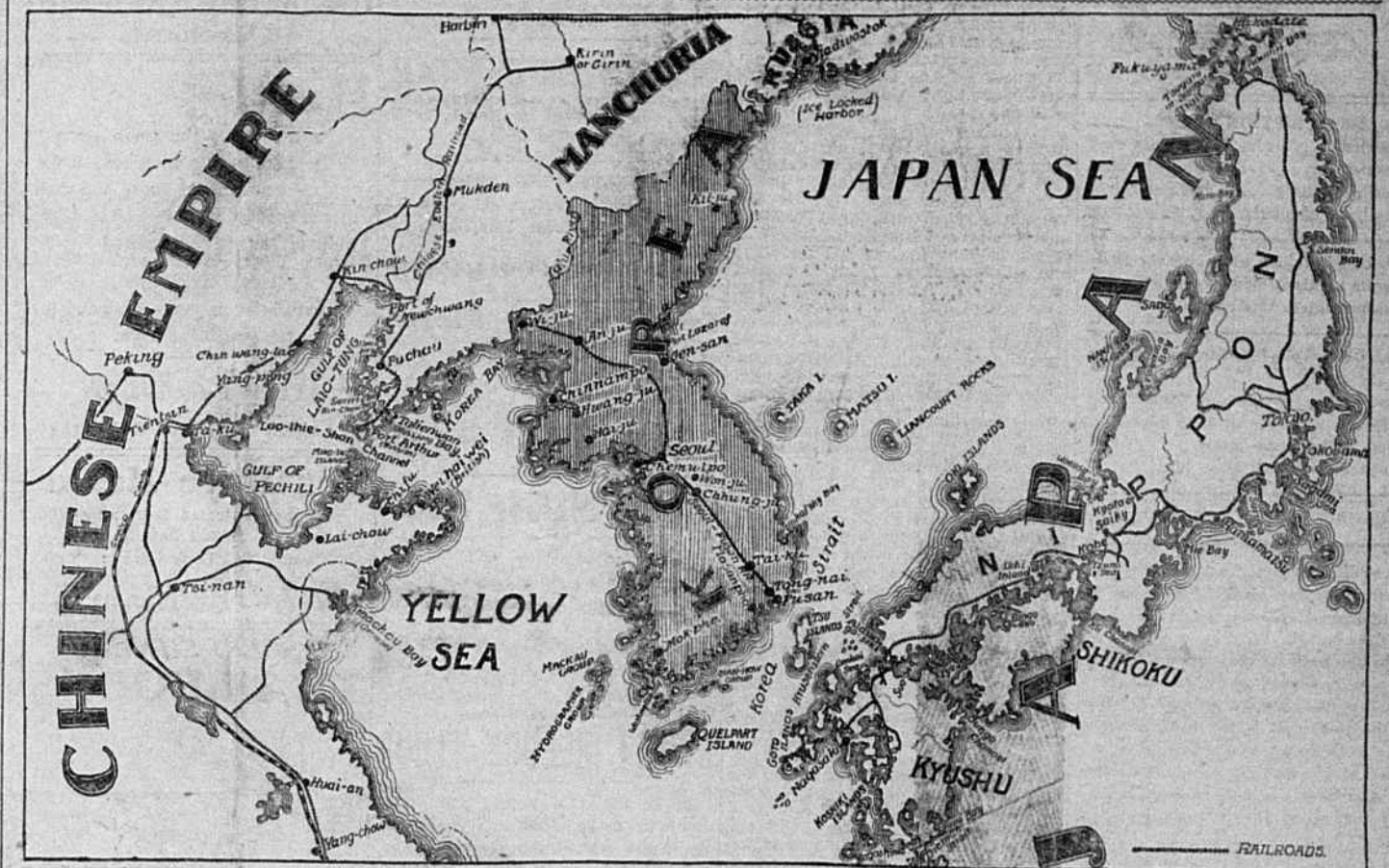
GROWING INTEREST IN REVIVAL MEETINGS

There was the largest week-night audience at the revival meeting in Goff M. E. church last evening that has yet been present during these services. In the necessary absence of Mr. J. H. Downman, Mr. W. C. McKeehan had charge of the large chorus choir, which led in some excellent congregational singing. The after service at the altar was very helpful and inspiring to all who were present.

To-night the subject of the sermon will be "Harvest Time." There will be excellent singing and a splendid meeting is anticipated. All are invited to come at 7.30 p. m.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE Y. M. C. A. WILL MEET

The Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., will hold its regular monthly business meeting in the association parlors Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 3 p. m. All members of the auxiliary are urged to be present if possible.



MAP OF KOREA, MANCHURIA AND JAPAN, THE FAR EAST'S ZONE OF TROUBLE.

The strong strategic point shown on the map is the Korean strait, which is dominated by Japan because of her strong fleet and her fortifications on the Tsu islands, midway between Japan and Korea. The strait is only 100 miles wide, and communication by water between Vladivostok on the north, and Port Arthur, on the south, is through it. Vladivostok is icebound in winter, but Russia's Chinese seaport, Port Arthur, is not. The Japanese vessels at Port Arthur, however, are not connected with the Transiberian railroad, over which Russia's troops have been passing for weeks en route to Manchuria. The Japanese railroad from Fusan, Korea, to Seoul is being completed by the Japanese government for wartime use, and a Japanese road runs between Seoul and Chemulpo. The railroad from Seoul to Wiju is not ready for use. The Japanese have rail communication practically the entire length of their principal islands.

BEAUTIFUL CITY OF BALTIMORE A DREARY WASTE OF BLACKENED DEBRIS AND ASHES--FIRE IS DYING OUT

Over Seventy Blocks Burned--Area a Mile and a Quarter Long by Half a Mile Wide Completely Wiped Out--Loss Will be About \$200,000,000.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—Dynamiters are to-day engaged in levelling unsafe walls. The Continental Trust building and some others are pronounced in good condition.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—With seven days legal holiday proclaimed the business embarrasments caused by the sudden burning of so many banks, has been provided for. No lawlessness is demonstrated. State troops are proving ample protection. Some of them have been ordered to return to their posts.

Bank Securities Saved.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—After an investigation it is announced that securities to the value of two hundred million dollars in the vaults of the Continental Trust Company, are safe. The vaults of the Maryland Trust Company, and the Mercantile Trust Company, have not been damaged in the least. The banking house of Brown Brothers, although directly in the path of the flames, practically escaped without damage.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—Representatives of insurance companies estimate the loss to be one hundred and twenty-five millions, with the insurance at about ninety millions.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—Baltimore is fire-stricken, but to her everlasting credit be it said, she did not call for help in an hour of terrible financial distress before first trying to help herself. With that indomitable American spirit, courageous and still hopeful, her citizens are setting about to repair the awful ruin.

A great business city with its entire business district completely destroyed. Where once was busy and healthy prosperity, where the doors of the wholesale

stores, banks, offices of all kinds and newspaper plants closed for the Sunday holiday on Saturday afternoon, there are now only smoking and unshapely ruins and the olaze rising above the surface to show that the power of the fire has not yet gone.

The fire is now dying out, and thoroughly under control, thanks to lowering winds. It crossed the dead line at Jones Falls, but was held in the lumber yards there. It cannot go further. Thousands of citizens, hearing the cheering news are returning to their homes to get their first sleep in 36 hours. The city is orderly. The loss is \$200,000,000.

Fire Under Control.

At 6.00 o'clock last evening the site was under control as to bounds, although the flames are still raging unabated in the lumber yards, flour mills and warehouses in the southeastern section of the burned area. The fire fighting forces have been organized so that relays are now maintaining the limitations finally established while the firemen, exhausted by 36 hours of ceaseless work are relieved. Open air coffee stations supplied with food have been established for soldiers and firemen.

The city is quiet except for occasional blasting. The streets are thronged but the crowds are orderly.

Razing Dangerous Walls.

The gathered populace of Baltimore surrounding the burned district are being treated to a magnificent spectacle in the blackened district which Saturday was the city's proudest business center. Superintendent of Buildings Preston has hundreds of workmen directed by expert masons and quarry men are engaged in razing the dangerous walls which remain standing along the path cleaned up by the fire.

Detonations caused by the blasting are heard all over the city. The spectators see six story buildings and walls rise perceptibly with the explosion of mines placed in the basements and

then crumble like egg shells. The roar of falling stone and brick is sometimes heard for a mile.

Beyond Human Control.

The flames, which no human hand could stay, confined themselves almost entirely to the business buildings, and these represented the virility of commercial Baltimore. Banks and brokerage offices were leveled, the Chamber Company and the Stock Exchange in the financial section, the great Equitable and Continental Trust buildings were destroyed in a few hours.

The flames came up through Baltimore and Fayette streets to the great court house and were unable to proceed further in a northerly direction. A fortunate change of wind, added to the immense granite structure, which had more power than any other building in the city to resist the flames, turned the course of the conflagration toward the bay.

The great wholesale houses were still swept away to the south, while to the east toward Jones Falls the flames licked up one building after another until an hour after dawn yesterday morning, when they were stayed by the water, but not that thrown by the valiant firefighters.

Engines of No Avail.

All efforts of the seventy engines, over half of them sent from outside cities to stop the progress of the conflagration was to no such purpose. In the face of all this fiery fury man appeared to be absolutely helpless. It was felt that the fire should spread itself, and man could not do more than look on.

Dynamite, too, used on many buildings in order to make open spaces, proved almost useless. One intention followed another throughout the night, caused by the explosions of thousands and thousands of dollars worth of property, but still without avail.

Water Stimulated Fire.

Many big buildings were reduced to

ashes without being touched by a stream of water, so inadequate was the fire fighting force to cope with the task before it. And when the engines were brought into play, the heat was so intense that the water was often separated into its component gases and stimulated rather than checked the burning.

In the path of the wind little fires were constantly breaking out in advance of the main region of the flames. Firemen stood on the roofs trying to put out the fires as they started, but ten thousand men would not have availed for the undertaking. The fire gradually ate its way forward and the police lines were constantly moved farther back. The cinders that flew out from the great cauldron often lighted two or three miles away. Many people were temporarily blinded.

GOLDEN

Figures as Defendant in Three Suits and Plaintiff in Another in Magistrate Gordon's Court.

S. P. Golden was fined \$25 and costs in a jury trial in Magistrate Samuel V. Gordon's court late Monday afternoon on the charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons. The charge was preferred by Okay Whitehair, a neighbor. The two got into a wrangle a week ago last Saturday and in the quarrel Golden flourished a revolver about, much to the discomfort of Whitehair. Golden made arrangements to pay the fine.

Two more charges stand against Golden, one for carrying concealed weapons and the other for assault and battery. When he was arrested for the first offense, Magistrate Gordon took a revolver out of his pocket in court. He will be fined for that offense next Friday afternoon, after which, on the same day, he will be tried on a warrant issued on complaint of Whitehair, charging him with assault and battery.

Golden is also plaintiff in another suit before Magistrate Gordon. He charges one of the Whitehair's with stealing three skunk hides from him.

CANNERS AND PACKERS MEET.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Feb. 9.—A joint convention of the Canning Machinery and Supply Association, the Atlantic State Packers Association, and the Western Packers Canned Goods Association, convened here to-day, with three hundred present. Governor Herrick extended a cordial greeting. A short business session was held and the three associations met separately.

IMPORTANT PIECE OF RAILROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED THIS SUMMER

An important piece of railroad construction in West Virginia that has been talked about for a year or more is the building of the branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to a point on the Short Line at Pine Grove. This branch is for the purpose of diverting the greater part of the heavy freight from the hard hauls on the Wheeling division to the low grade lines of the Short Line and the Ohio River division. A report has been current for a week or ten days that arrangements are now being made to complete this branch as soon as possible.

The branch will be a great thing for the Baltimore, especially in the coal traffic. The greater part of the coal will be sent over the Short Line by way of New Martinsville. The heavy grades of the Wheeling division have been the cause of a great deal of trouble to the Baltimore & Ohio officials, and it is the intention to get rid of this inconvenience as soon as possible. The report regarding the building of the branch is to the effect that a large force of workmen will be put on as soon as the weather opens up in the spring, and the work rushed to completion as rapidly as possible.